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Requirements Covering Gaps in Intelligence Information Relating to Expenditures, by Rural and Urban Populations, by Individuals for Communications Services (USER).

- REF : a) CIA/RR Project 30.1771, "Expenditures on Consumer Services in the USSR".
- b) CIA/RR Economic Research Area, Analysts' Manual Notice, 4 May 1955, Finishing Procedures, subject: "Transmittal of Gaps in Intelligence Information as Collection Requirements at the Termination of Each Branch Project", SECRET.

BACKGROUND  
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The reference above states the gaps which exist in information on expenditures by individuals for communications services in the USSR. Existing requirements cover such broadfront items as revenue and traffic totals. Listed below are specific requirements, not already levied, to fill gaps revealed in work on the referenced project.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Are public communications services including broadcasting, television, telephone, telegraph, and postal, subsidized in the USSR? S.
2. If public communications services are subsidized, in what manner and to what extent? S.
3. What communications services, if any, make up deficits for other communications services? S.
4. Are telephones in the homes of political, governmental, and industrial officials in the USSR paid for by the individual concerned, or are they furnished as appurtenances of office or position? C.

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5. What percentage of telegrams, letters (all types), parcel post, and money orders is sent by individuals? Of these what proportions originate in rural areas? C.
6. To what extent and under what circumstances are postal or telegraphic money orders used by industrial or governmental enterprises, instead of bank transfers of funds? C.
7. What percentages of independent radiobroadcasting receivers and wire diffusion loudspeakers are used for group listening? C.



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